Library of Book History, Library and Information Science



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- thesaurus of library and information science;
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4. annual bibliography of book history for the journal Magyar Könyvszemle [7]

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